



THE TIMETABLE

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE

ILLINOIS VALLEY DIVISION



NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

Volume 37, No.1 January 2018

WEBSITE: nmra-ivd.org

Greetings Fellow Modelers,

Well, we are starting a new year and I hope you resolve to work on your trains. There are a number of ways to do so. You can sit on the couch and read a train or modelling magazine. You can build a layout, or anything in between. I have been finishing up some locomotive redecorating that got stalled for any number of reasons. These reasons don't matter now. I am ready to complete these and other projects.

The reason I bring this up is that while at Trainfest, I saw thousands of modelers. All of these modelers had one thing in common—they were different. Each approached the hobby in a unique way and at different levels. My point is—there is room for everyone in Model Railroading. It is an inclusive organization. It means something different to everyone. You can be a model railroader by simply reading the magazine and never touch a train, or you can have a layout (large or small!) or build models or as Tom Hoback of the Indiana Railroad said, "I have a model railroad—1:1 scale!"

In my case, I have enjoyed serving the modelers of our community as the Superintendent of the Illinois Valley Division. I have met more people and gone more places than I would ever have had I not answered the call eight years ago. As a result of serving you, I have received an Achievement Program certificate for Association Official for the first three years of service. When my term ends in March, I will receive the Association Volunteer certificate for the additional five years I have put in. These certificates will be applied toward my Master Model Railroader certificate. I will need only five more from the remaining three categories. I will be 2/7ths of the way there simply by putting in the time. I didn't have to do anything as a model railroader to achieve these. I never had to cut a piece of wood or plastic, paint anything, nor clean my airbrush. I simply had to serve. I wrote this column for each newsletter. (If I write enough stuff, I can get the Model Railroad Author certificate...that is three!)

My point is that anyone can serve. Anyone who is willing to do what an official does, can serve. You never have to spill glue on the carpet. You never have to watch the wood on your loading dock warp, because it

got moisture on it. You never have to untangle a decal that tied itself in knots as soon as it came off the paper. (Of course it was the last one on the discontinued sheet!) You simply have to say, "I can do that!" When I said it, I had only a vague idea that I could. I did see the certificates at the end of the road and for really no other reason than that, I said "yes."

I have served with great people. Minton Dings is my right hand, my Assistant Superintendent. He and I have had many conversations on how and when and why to do something, whether it be administrative or model related. Gary Baker, the Chief Clerk...same thing. For both of these men, even when we were opposed, they were by my side. Our various Paymasters, first Barb and now Tom Ludlam, very capable and very honest bookkeepers. My first Assistant Superintendent, Bill Fulton, was a joy to know. He brought another whole dimension to governing—simple without being simplistic.

The Trainmasters are amazing as well. Jack Andrews, patient farmer, life member of the NMRA—apparently knows a bargain when he sees it. Now Dave Hawkey has entered the position of District 1 Trainmaster at Large. Jeff Trimble, who has served two terms after Bill Zeter served with honor as District 2 Trainmaster...to be continued...

Michael Shockley
Superintendent, Illinois Valley Division

ATTENTION: Subscription and Ad Holders

Subscriptions for those who desire to receive printed copies of the TIMETABLE, and those who have an ad for their business or layout in the newsletter need to renew their subscriptions and advertisements in January, 2018. See page 2 and 3.

Information compiled herein is presented to the membership on an "as submitted by the authors" basis, and is assumed complete and accurate by the Editor as of the "Deadline For Submissions" date for inclusion in this edition of the newsletter, as posted in the previous, most recent edition of the TIMETABLE. Statements contained in this document are strictly the beliefs and/or opinions of the writer presenting them and not necessarily those of, or endorsed by, the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) of Soddy Daisy, TN, USA, its Midwest Region, or its Illinois Valley Division of the NMRA or their officers, agents and designates thereof. Information presented as factual is assumed true and accurate to the best knowledge and intent of the presenter of that information, and are believed to be such in good faith when accepted for inclusion in this news-

OFFICERS



SUPERINTENDENT (2018)
Mike Shockley
(309)-697-3242
superintendent@nmra-ivd.org



**ASST. SUPERINTENDENT (2019) and
NEWSLETTER EDITOR**
Minton Dings, MMR
(309)-241-4504
asst.superintendent@nmra-ivd.org



CHIEF CLERK (2018)
Gary Baker
(309)-353-8877
chief.clerk@nmra-ivd.org



PAYMASTER (2019)
Tom Ludlam
(309) 244-5900
paymaster@nmra-ivd.org

TRAINMASTERS



**TRAINMASTER AT-LARGE (2019) - REPRESENTING
District 1, Peoria & Tazewell Co.**
David Hawkey
(309)274-6150
district1@nmra-ivd.org



**DISTRICT 2 (2018) - Grundy, Livingston, McLean &
Woodford Co.**
Jeff Trimble
(309)585-0509
district2@nmra-ivd.org



**DISTRICT 3 (2019) - Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall, Put-
nam & Stark Co.**
Scott Willoughby
(815)503-4096
district3@nmra-ivd.org



**DISTRICT 4 (2018) - Fulton, Henry, Knox, Mercer,
Rock Island & Warren Co.**
Jeremy Bubb
(309)-221-7865
district4@nmra-ivd.org



**TRAINMASTER AT-LARGE (2019) - REPRESENTING
District 5, Adams, Brown, Cass, Hancock, Logan,
Mason, McDonough, Menard, Morgan, Pike,
Sangamon, Schuyler & Scott Co.**
Rod Price
(309)338-3566
district5@nmra-ivd.org

FROM THE EDITOR

by Minton Dings, MMR



SOME IMPORTANT NEWSLETTER AND DIVISION BUSINESS

NOMINATIONS or VOLUNTEERS FOR DIVISION OFFICES

As the Assistant Superintendent, I am the Chair of the Nominations Process. This year we are to elect the office of Superintendent, Chief Clerk, and Trainmasters for Districts 2 and 4. These nominations are to be completed by January of the coming year. To date we still have openings for Superintendent and Trainmaster for District 2. Although a member has volunteered to serve as the Chief Clerk and Jeremy Bubb has agreed to continue as the Trainmaster for District 4, those offices are open for additional nominations.

Job Descriptions for Superintendent, Chief Clerk and Trainmaster are found on page 6 of this newsletter. These are not difficult positions, but take a commitment to be present at the Board of Director meetings and their specific job description. Members of the board are supportive of each other to accomplish the tasks of administration and business of the Division.

Those willing to be placed on the ballot for the open positions for 2018-2019 need to contact me at the e-mail address to the left or at greenriverbranch1957@gmail.com. Title the subject line IVD Elections so that I do not discard your message as an unrecognized e-mail address. If you have questions concerning the open positions, feel free to call me at 309/241-4504.

MAILED NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION FEES DUE

Those members of the Illinois Valley Division who wish to receive a mailed copy of THE TIMETABLE need to establish or renew their subscription in January. The fee for printing and mailing the copy is \$10.00 per year.

Send subscription fees to me, the editor, at 15548 State Route 78, Havana, Illinois 62644-6803.

New or renewed subscriptions must be received before February 15, 2018 to begin or continue to receive mailed copies of THE TIMETABLE in the coming year.

PERSONAL and BUSINESS AD FEES DUE

Personal and Business advertisements found within THE TIMETABLE are again due in January. The cost of these ads is listed on page 3 of this issue of the newsletter.

Send ad fees to me, the editor, at 15548 State Route 78, Havana, Illinois 62644-6803.

New or renewed subscriptions must be received before February 15, 2018 to begin or continue ads continued in THE TIMETABLE in the coming year.

ILLINOIS VALLEY DIVISION MEET

January 14, 2018

The Depot and Museum
100 North State Street
Chatham, Illinois 62629

Doors open at 12:00 pm, Meeting begins at 1:30 pm.

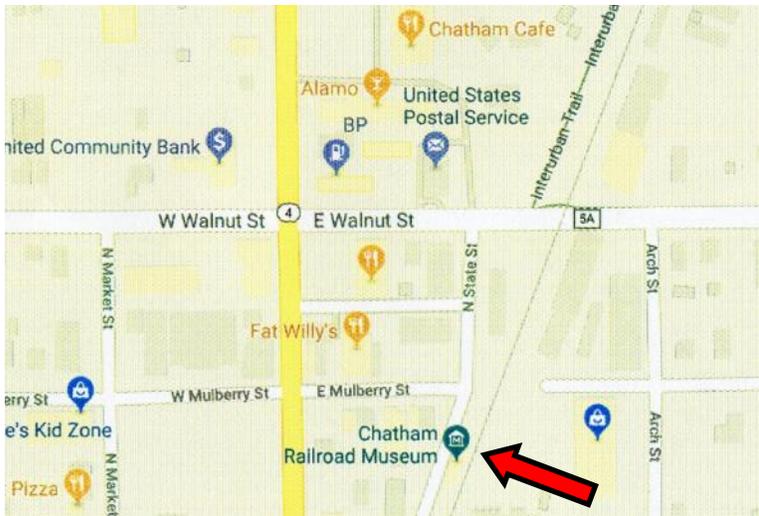
The meeting will be held at the former Chatham, Illinois, GM&O Depot.

Swap tables are available to members. There is no commercial selling at the Illinois Division meets. Selling is closed at the beginning of the business meeting. There will be a short business meeting followed by clinics on static grass by Gregor Moe and scenery by Marion Brasher. A layout tour is to follow.

The contests for January will be scenery, any season and photos of prototype railroads.

A donation of \$2.00 per member helps to defray division expenses.

Directions: Follow IL Route 4 south of Springfield to the Village of Auburn. Turn left (east) on Walnut Street, (the main east-west street) and right on State Street. The museum is on the left, trackside.



NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION & TRAIN SHOW August 5-12, 2018 Kansas City MO



The 2018 National Convention will be at the Westin Kansas City Hotel and Crown Center, 1 East Pershing Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64108. Cost of the convention will be \$140.00. The hotel will be \$137.00 daily with a \$17.00 daily parking fee (\$24.00 valet).

Registration can now be made

online at <http://www.kc2018.org>.

2018 IVD Meetings At A Glance

Our meetings are subject to change. Updates will appear with each issue of the TIMETABLE

Membership Meetings: Doors open at noon, Meetings begin at 1:30 pm.

Board of Directors Meetings begin at 10:00 am unless otherwise noted. Members of the IVD are welcomed to attend Board Meetings. Members do not have a vote, but are welcomed to voice their concerns and make suggestions.

Directions to Lake Whitehurst Club House are: Route 29 south from I-474, left at Velde Ford Truck Dealership, first right on Susan Hope, immediate left down the hill to the club house.

Event, January 14, 2018, District 5

Chatham Depot, Chatham, Illinois
Contests: Scenery, any Season and Prototype Photos

Board Meeting, February 17, 2018, Pekin

Lake Whitehurst Club House

Event, March 11, 2018, District 1

ReMax Building
Election Meeting

Contests: Scratchbuilt any Category and Kitbashed, any Category

Board Meeting, to be announced.

Event, May 20, 2018, District 3

Spring Valley City Hall Meeting Room
Contests: Freight Cars and Dioramas on-line

PUT YOUR AD IN THE TIMETABLE AND WEBSITE

Personal and business ads in Timetable and IVD Website are available, such as seen on page 11.

The cost of advertisements in the TIMETABLE, Website or both is listed below.

Yearly Rates: Website T'TABLE Both

Personal: Business Card Size: \$10.00 \$5.00 \$12.50

Business: Business Card Size: \$20.00 \$12.50 \$30.00

Business Card X2: \$30.00 \$25.00 \$45.00

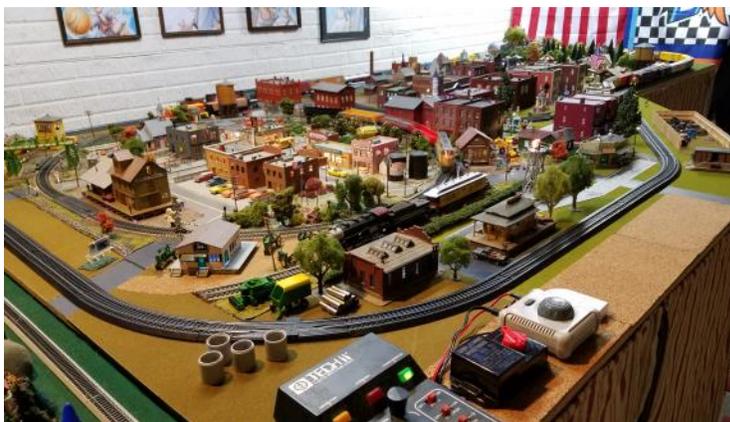
Send fee and/or inquiries to Minton Dings, 15548 SR 78, Havana, IL 62644. Help is available to construct new ads. Partial year fees are available.

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL

Those members who wish to receive their TIMETABLE in printed form, need to renew their subscription by February 15, 2018. The renewal fee is \$10.00. Send check to Minton Dings, Editor, 15548 State Route 78, Havana, Illinois 62644.

Layout Tour, McLean Meeting, November 12, 2017

Kathy and Gary Schoolman, N Scale



Ed Sams, HO Scale



WANDERINGS

by Marion Brasher, MMR

What's New

What's new is a phrase I often hear when a patron comes into my shop. My usual answer is New York, New Milford, New Rockland, etc. All jokes aside, what is new in model railroading?

Modern technology in control of our trains is new. I can remember reading in the model press of powering our models with car batteries and battery chargers running DC motors 70 years ago. We have sure come a long way from making controllers with purchased rectifiers, transformers, rheostats and a DPDT switch. Then came power packs, followed with DCC carrier control. In 2017 CVP Products is advertising Air Wave control. What is next? How about batteries again. Yes, its being used in G-scale today. They are getting batteries smaller these days. Is HO scale next?

Technology has also played an important part in the development of locomotives and rolling stock. Dies for casting are no longer hand crafted, but are computer generated much quicker and with greater detail. Models made only 10 or 20 years ago are crude by today's standards. At a recent train show I purchased a number of Athearn and Varney model kits from the late 1940's. Some of their detail will rival today's products.

Reading a recent article in the model railroad press, someone discovered sawdust! Yes, we sure have come a long way since I got started in model trains after World War II. While taking a shop class in 1949, I discovered my instructor was a model train enthusiast. He introduced me to sawdust. I could have all I wanted from the big circular saw. Many bags of the stuff was carted home. Good old RIT dye was mixed with water in a #2 coffee can to mix up many different colors. The wet mess was spread out on newspaper to dry. I had a large variety of colors of material.

Lynn Westcott, of Model Railroader Magazine, came up with ZIP texture scenery. He used dry dye powder mixed with dry plaster which was applied to damp or wet plaster. For its time it was a step forward and looked a lot better than sawdust.

For the toy train field, Max, American Flyer, and Lionel, Life Like produced a sheet of green ground cover. Guess what...It was green paper and sawdust! It is still available today.

Next came ground foam from a number of manufacturers. Using an earth color latex paint we applied the foam to it. It gave a better texture than ZIP texture. Today the new thing is static grass. In my other life as a

school teacher, we used a material called flocking. It was small nylon fibers affixed with a paint adhesive for lamp bases and jewelry boxes. Now, someone has discovered sawdust again.

In the November issue of the NMRA Magazine, it appears someone has discovered lamination. By applying embossed paper to a material called E-Flute, he could create a large brick structure.

Back when I first got started, we covered an overlay and applied it to Strathmore board or even poster board. Even the model press printed color cut outs for our use. Embossed and printed paper has been around for it seems like forever. Many manufacturers have produced it.

It has been my experience to observe that old ideas resurface about every ten years or so.

The model railroad press publishes on how to do old ideas with a new twist presenting a new product. They make it look and seem revolutionary and right up to date.

Hey, what's new in the model railroading world?

MODEL RAILROADING TIP:

Train Length

by Marion Brasher, MMR

Would you like to make your trains look longer than they really are? A simple way to do this is to make a view block like a hill or a cut through your scenery. By blocking your view, the train goes behind the scenery and you lose sight of the locomotives, but see the following cars move through the scene. Soon the power appears again, but you no longer see the rear of the train. This trick makes your consist look longer to the viewer. You "fool" their eye.

MODEL RAILROADING TIP:

Lettering

by Marion Brasher, MMR

Have you made up a sign from individual letters? Did you have a hard time lining the letters up straight? A method I use is to line up the letters is to use a piece of thread, taping it on both ends at the same height. Now you have a straight line. Line the bottom of the letters on the thread. You now have a straight line of letters. This method can be used for wet, dry and stick-on letters.

Comment by the editor:

This same technique can be accomplished by using a lessor tack masking tape on painted surfaces on which the tape will not damage when being removed. I aligned the letters for the location names on the fascia of my layout with this method. Do not leave the tape on the surface over a long time. This will not work on all surfaces.

2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

Each year the Illinois Valley Division elects half of its Board of Directors to serve two year terms. In 2018 the offices of Superintendent, Chief Clerk and Trainmasters for District 2 and 4 will be elected.

Members of the division are encouraged to stand for election for one of the offices. Although there is a Nominations Committee, individuals may run for an office by declaring the fact by submitting a simple statement of the fact to the Assistant Superintendent, who is the Nominations Chairperson, and submitting a picture and biographical statement to the editor of the newsletter, the TIMETABLE. Presently, the Editor and Nominations Chair is the same person.

Send the statement of intention, the biographical statement and picture to:

Minton Dings, Editor
IVD TIMETABLE
15548 SR 78
Havana, Illinois 62644-6803

Job Descriptions of Officers to be Elected in 2018:

What follows is a somewhat abbreviated list of the duties of the officers and trainmasters to be elected. See the division by-laws for a complete description.

Superintendent:

1. Shall prepare the agenda for and preside over all meetings of the Division and the Board of Directors.
2. Shall sign the minutes of all business and Board meetings after the proper bodies have approved them.
3. Shall see to it that all resolutions passed at meetings are carried out and that all sections of the constitution and its by-laws are enforced,
4. Shall coordinate the work and efforts of all Officers and Trainmasters of the Division.
5. Shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.
6. Shall provide for representation of the Division on the Midwest Region Board of Directors, either by personal attendance at Region Board meetings, by written proxy sent to the Secretary of the Midwest Region, or by appointment of a voting member of the Division to serve as Division representative to the Region Board of Directors. While serving on the Region Board of Directors, the Superintendent or designated appointee will respect the directives and wishes of the majority of the Division Board on matters of importance to the well being of the Division. It is the responsibility of

the Region Board member to appraise the Division Board on such matters.

7. Shall have the power to appoint up to five additional Trainmasters for service on special committees, subject to Board approval.
8. Shall have the power to act in emergency situations in place of any Division Officer who is unable to perform his/her duties, such action to last only until the Board can meet to make interim arrangements.

Chief Clerk:

1. Shall keep a permanent record or copy of all minutes of Board and business meetings.
2. Shall compile a complete and up-to-date list of the names and addresses of all voting members.
3. Shall report all communications received by him/her to the Division.
4. Shall perform all such secretarial duties as provided for in the constitution and by-laws and as may be assigned by the Board from time to time.

Trainmaster (Districts 2 and 4):

District 2 Trainmaster represents members from Grundy, Livingston, McLean and Woodford Counties.

District 4 Trainmaster represents members from Fulton, Henry, Knox, Mercer, Rock Island and Warren Counties.

1. Each shall be elected to represent the members of the respective areas of the Division on the Board. Not more than one Trainmaster shall be elected from each district, however, each district or area shall elect a Trainmaster, regardless of the number of Officers or appointees from that area. If, for any reason, no one wishes to run for Trainmaster of a given area, then the Superintendent may appoint a member from that area to serve as Trainmaster, with all powers and rights of an elected Trainmaster. If no one within an area will accept an appointment, the Superintendent will appoint a Trainmaster-at-Large to represent that area, with all powers and rights of an elected Trainmaster.
2. The District Trainmaster shall be responsible to coordinate the place of the meeting, clinics and layouts on tour for the annual meeting in their district. The trainmaster may appoint a member(s) to assist in the planning for the meet. The trainmaster may request the assistance of the Superintendent or other officers for resources available to complete the plans for the meet. The trainmaster shall report to the Superintendent the plans for the meet.

THE DANGER OF THE INSTALLING THE TEMPORARY

by Minton Dings, MMR

Although there are many examples of what I am about to point out in this the expose' on my own work in model railroading, I have the suspicion that I am not alone in this habit. Although I can name a few personal examples of this habit, I could have named this article, "The Tale of Three Bridges."

Bridges One and Two on the Mainline

After finishing the benchwork on my Green River Branch of the Illinois Central, I began putting down flat surfaces for the villages and towns and sub-roadbed. I came to what would need to be a long span over what I thought would be the Green River, actually also now Pond Creek, on the top level.

Then along came the track, which became two tracks to the river bank. I had planned to scratchbuild the bridges across this waterway, but was quite unsure of my scratch-building abilities. That was about eight years ago.

The present version of the Green River Branch is the eighth attempt to build a layout. Each attempt ended with a move to a new location and residence as determined by my employer, the United Methodist Church, for which I was a pastor under obligation to appointment. We moved often as I advanced in positions of responsibility. In the process, I had gathered quite a collection of parts and pieces, including a goodly number of Atlas bridge kits.

For this version of the layout the decision was made to build a temporary bridge over the Green River with these kits until the materials and skills were evident or a high-quality kit was purchased as a replacement. Therefore, twelve Atlas bridge kits were assembled to form the necessary bridges so that at least trains could be travel over the waterway until a "proper bridge" could be built. Pictured here are the Green River bridges.

The 400-foot bridges were made from twelve



sections, six plate-girder and six Warren truss bridges. Eight bridge kits that were constructed as they came from the box. Four Warren truss bridge kits were reconfigured

to make two longer spans over the part of the creek which is visible. It functions very well, but looks somewhat unsightly when one observes the track guard rails and the wide spacing of the ties.

To its credit, it functions very well, because the bridge track rails are one continuous rail which was soldered together as the bridges were being assembled. Its reliability probably accounts for its longevity.

The steel bridge kits for the replacement of these bridges have yet to be purchased. There are so many high-quality bridge kits available that they will probably not be scratchbuilt.

The High Bridge

The bridge partly shown in the background of the above picture is called the "High Bridge" over what is Pond Creek. This bridge is to be a high wooden trestle and it will be scratchbuilt someday. The operating interest of this bridge, beyond its functionality of crossing a wide span, is that being a wooden trestle, only one steam locomotive will be allowed on it at a time.

The story of the High Bridge has a longer history. Sometime about 1978, a long bridge was necessary on a previous layout. This 450-foot bridge was reconstructed (my word for kitbashed) from nine Atlas Warren deck bridge kits. This bridge is nearly forty years old as a model and has been used on four succeeding versions and locations of this layout. Considering the poor quality of plastic glues at the time of its original construction, it has needed repair several times. Yet modern "weld type" glues have made it a solid structure.



This bridge was just long enough to fill the need for a temporary bridge until the wood trestle is built. Besides its sturdiness and electrical reliability, it is impressive watching two or three GP7 or GP9 diesels or two steam engines pulling a string of empty hoppers up into the valley or easing the same number of loaded hoppers down over this bridge on their way to the Kentucky Light & Power plant in Beaver Dam. I believe the wood trestle concept is not going to come to fruition.

As with the mainline bridges, close inspection of the structure shows its early construction by the less skilled modeler, me. Its guard rails are also unsightly, ties are too widely spaced and the towers on which it sits are not prototypical. Here too, it appears that a high-quality bridge kit is needed to replace this bridge.

I have heard of other model railroaders who have used their temporary stand-in structures for many years as

TEMPMORAARY BRIDGES Continued on Page 8

TEMPORARY BRIDGES Continued from Page 7

they have completed trackwork or other tasks, who reluctantly or never return to replace their "temporaries."

What is the danger of using these old bridges as temporary stand-ins for the bridges which are planned? They are old friends, of which one has been in existence almost as long as I have been a model railroader. How does one retire old friends which have served you well?



Call me sentimental will you!

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR MODEL RAILROADERS

Illinois Valley Division Meeting, Chatham Depot and Museum, Sunday, January 14, Doors open at 12 noon, Meeting 1:30 pm, Clinics and Layout Tour, \$2 donation.

Train Show and Swap Meet, Darian, IL, Saturday, January 20, 2018, 9am to 3pm, St. Johns Lutheran Church, 7217 Cass Avenue, Darian, IL. Admission \$5 Adults 18 and up, \$2 ages 12 to 17, Scouts in uniform and children free. Wheel Chair Accessible, no parking information.

Great Tri-State Rail Sale, Saturday, January 27, 2018, 9:00am to 3:00pm, La Crosse Center, 2nd & Pearl Streets, La Crosse, Wisconsin, Sponsored by The 400 Limited Foundation, Admission \$5.00, children under 12 free. No parking or handicapped information available.

Great Train Show, St. Charles, MO, St. Charles Convention Center, 1 Convention Place, St. Charles, Saturday and Sunday, January 27-28, 2018, 10am to 4 pm both days, Admission \$11, good both days, \$10 Sunday only, Wheel Chair Accessible and free parking.

NMRA Central Indiana Division Annual Train Show, Noblesville, IN, Hamilton County 4H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant Street, Noblesville, IN, Sunday, January 28 10am to 3pm. Admission \$3, \$5 for families. Free parking, No wheelchair accessibility information provided.

Great Train Show, Indianapolis, IN, Indiana State Fairgrounds, 1202 East 38th Street, Indianapolis IN, Saturday and Sunday, February 3 & 4, 10am to 4pm both days. Admission \$10, good for both days, \$9 for Sunday only, children under 12 free.

Peoria Train Fair, Sunday, February 19, 2018, 10 am to 3 pm, Illinois Central College, Rt. US-24, east of IL -116, East Peoria. Admission \$3.00, children under 12 free with an adult. Free parking, handicap accessible. The IVD portable layout and NMRA display table are planned to be there.

Illinois Valley Division Meeting, ReMax Building, Corner of Knoxville and War Memorial Drive Sunday, March 11, 2018, Election Meeting, Doors open at 12 noon, Meeting 1:30 pm, Clinics and Layout Tour, \$2 donation.

Springfield Train Fair, Sunday, March 25, 2018, 10 am to 4 pm, Orr Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 East Sangamon Avenue, Springfield, IL, Admission \$5.00, Children under 11 free. *Early Bird shopping starts at 9 am for an additional \$5.00 fee.* Wheelchair accessible and free parking.

50TH ANNIVERSARY HOPPER AND BOXCARS PRICE REDUCED

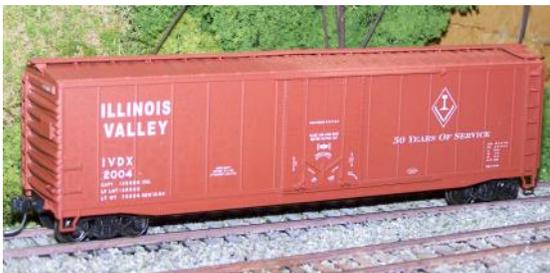
The Fifty Year Anniversary cars are still available. If you are considering purchasing one or more of these IVD cars, you may purchase them at division meets or at area train shows where the IVD has a NMRA/IVD promotional display. These cars were also made available to the model railroading community in



the May 2015 Model Railroader magazine. There are now only about 20 hoppers and 60 boxcars left. Both cars will

be for sale at the division meeting on January 14. The cost is now \$15.00 each.

Those who cannot be at the meet can order the cars through Paymaster Tom



Ludlam at the McLean Depot, 200 East Dixie Road, McLean, IL, 61754; telephone 309-244-5900. The cost by mail is \$15.00 for each car plus \$5.00 shipping, or \$6.50 for shipping of two or three cars.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN . . .

GREAT FIXES and LAYOUT PROBLEM SOLVING

Beginning with the last issue of the TIMETABLE, a new series and opportunity is open to all members of the division. As we model and build our layouts, we discover, read about and learn new techniques to enhance our modeling experience, expertise, and joy in model railroading. This might include tools discovered which can be used for model railroading purposes.

You are invited to join in sharing your information with members of our division through our newsletter, the TIMETABLE. Articles can be of any length and pictures to illustrate the article are helpful.

The materials can best be transmitted electronically as a Publisher or Word document attached to an e-mail. Pictures are easiest to include with the article if they are

also included as separate attachments. The information can be hand written and mailed with photos if necessary.

Credit must be given for materials which are not the creation of the author. This includes pictures. What cannot be accepted are materials which are copies directly from other publications without written permission of the author and/or publisher.

Materials may be sent to the editor at greenriver-branch1957@yahoo.com with the subject line title "Timetable Article" so that the e-mail will not be discarded as from an unknown source. Mailed copy may be sent to Minton Dings, Editor, IVD TIMETABLE, 15548 State Route 78, Havana, Illinois 62644-6803, (309)241-4504.

You may read the two articles on page 5 submitted by Marion Brasher as examples of submissions to this new feature.

Maybe you have helpful ideas which others of us could use in the building and operation of our layouts.



All Aboard for the Capitol 400 Midwest Region Convention.

April 13-15, 2018

Madison, WI

- Operating Sessions Friday Afternoon and Evening
- Clinics Friday Evening and Saturday Morning and Afternoon Including:
The Photography of O. Winston Link



Model Railroader Editor Tony Koester



- Layout Tours Saturday Afternoon and Sunday
- Non-Rail Activities Including Project Linus
- Every Registration Includes the Banquet with Guest Speaker Tony Koester

Visit www.nmra-scwd.org for details.

Come Join The Fun!

Springfield Railroad Society, Inc.

TRAIN FAIR

March 25, 2018 - Orr Building - State Fairgrounds



***The Largest
Train Show
in Downstate
Illinois!***

Over 35,000 square feet of trains!



**Early Bird
shopping starts
at 9 am
for only \$10!**

Hundreds of vendor tables!

Buy - Sell - Trade Trains

Actual Operating Layouts

Admission \$5 after 10 am.

Children under 11 FREE / Free Parking / Hours 10 am to 4 pm

For more info, go to www.springfieldtrainfair.com

MODEL RAILROAD / HOBBY SUPPLIES



MIKE'S SCALE RAILS

3008 N. STERLING AVE.
PEORIA, IL 61604

(309) 689-0656
(309) 689-0682 FAX

scalerrails@aol.com
www.mikesscalerrails.com



GUYANDOTTE DIVISION

Serving Virginians Through Three Eras

Michael Shockley
309-697-3242
docshock31@yahoo.com



"HO" TRAINS "N"

Valley

Mon-Fri 3 - 8 PM
Sat 9 - 4 PM

Roundhouse

Home of the **ROCKSHOP**

A model railroad shop run
by a master model railroader

PHONE: 815-663-3411 122 W. ST. PAUL
MARION G. BRASHER SPRING VALLEY, IL 61362

*The Valley's only Train Shop
Check our selections - You'll like our prices!*



GREEN RIVER BRANCH Kentucky Division Illinois Central Railroad 1957

Minton Dings, MMR
15548 State Route 78
Havana, Illinois 62644
(309)241-4504

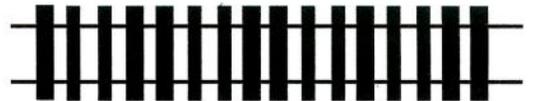
Affiliated with:
Illinois Valley Division, NMRA
National Model Railroad Association
Illinois Central Historical Association
GM&O Historical Association
Illinois Central RR Heritage Association

e-mail: greenriverbranch1957@yahoo.com



CULPEPPER & WESTERN R.R.

"Moving Freight & People"



STOP
LOOK
LISTEN

Gary & Cullen Baker
2004 Dane Kelsey Drive
Pekin, IL 61554
phone: 309-353-8877
Gary: afpgary@comcast.net
Cullen: cmb3998@comcast.net



Hours
10-6 Tue-Fri
10-8 Thu
10-5 Sat
I-55 @ US-136
across from
Dixie

Model Trains & Supplies

Tools & Accessories
Railroad Books & Magazines
DCC Systems & Decoders
Custom Installation

The **NEW** shop in the **OLD** depot

McLean Depot

309-244-5900 mcleandepot.com
200 E Dixie Rd, McLean, IL 61754

James F. Wise, MMR, 3207 N, Sheridan, Peoria IL 61604



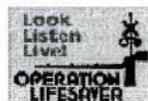
(309)231-9425

alwise@att.net

Ed Brown's

UICA AND MIDWESTERN

"Route of the ROCKET"



339 Johnson Street
Utica, IL
phone: 815-667-4818
email: brownes86@msn.com





January 14, 2018

THE ILLINOIS VALLEY DIVISION OF THE NMRA PRESENTS

MODEL TRAIN MEET

**CHATHAM DEPOT AND MUSEUM
100 NORTH STATE STREET
CHATHAM, ILLINOIS**

DOORS OPEN @ 12:00 PM— Meeting @ 1:30 PM — \$2 Donation

CLINICS: STATIC GRASS APPLICATION AND SCENERY

LAYOUT TOUR TO FOLLOW, MAPS TO BE PROVIDED.

SWAP TABLES (Closed before the meeting - Sorry, NO DEALERS)

CONTESTS:

- (1) SCENERY, ANY SEASON**
- (2) PROTOTYPE RAILROAD PHOTOS**



See Page 3 for street map of Chatham



I/D TIMETABLE
 Minton Dings, Editor
 1 5548 State Route 78
 Havana, Illinois 62644-6803

POSTMASTER:
 Return Service Requested

FIRST CLASS MAIL

